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SUBJECT: CHINA ON SUPPORT FOR THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR  
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1. (C) PolOff on December 11 conveyed to MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department United Nations Division Deputy Director Shen Bo reftel points urging China to make a generous contribution to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and to press UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to take all necessary measures to ensure the STL opens as scheduled on March 1, 2009. Shen said he would convey these points to senior officials but made no immediate substantive reply. On December 12 and 17, Shen said that the issue still required coordination with MFA "legal experts."  
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